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"The servant mission of The Kansas District is to equip, encourage and empower each congregation in its mission vision and Christ-care ministry."

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President's Office

History - Historical References - His Story

by President Keith E. Kohlmeier

History – Webster defines it as “a chronological record of significant events often including an explanation of their causes.” A good friend of mine has at the same time defined historical as “the translation of history into the context of my perception and experience.”

This was a summer that I experienced both. I spent time on the family farm that was homesteaded by ancestors in 1872, working on buildings that have preceded me by four generations. When I walk through the wash house door, I know that the people who walked through that door before me were the same people that gave me more than DNA. They were the ones who were my spiritual ancestors and through whom the faith was passed on to me.

Marlene and I spent time in Wittenberg, Germany this summer. This is a longer story, but by the invitation of Wittenberg English Ministries,

I spent two weeks in ministry there, preaching at the Schloss Kirche (Castle Church) and the Stadt Kirche (City Church). But for me, one the most moving moments came during the opportunities twice every week to lead chapel services in the Corpus Christi Capella (Body of Christ Chapel). To stand on the stones of that 11th century chapel and know that Martin Luther stood on that spot and conveyed the simple and

powerful Gospel to countless families as his burial chapel not only took me back in history, but to the historical center of why I first began in ministry.

These thoughts struck me this summer as we as a church are coming to a critical point in examining who we are in the culture of the world that surrounds us. Before us are questions about our form of governance, what is the true liturgy of the church and how we balance tradition against the changing nature of the setting of our congregations and ministries.

In the pursuit to continue to be faithful, there is a place for both the history of our faith and for historical application. But the caution before us is that we should never mix the two. The history of our faith is vital, but the historical references to traditions, liturgies and practices can deter us from our center. When that happens, we start to focus on monuments, not mission. We start to sell ourselves for preservation instead of propagation.

This is a longer conversation than one article will allow, but we will continue it in the months ahead as our church considers basic questions about who we are and what stands at the essence of our church. I pray that we continue to move from the historical to the history of the faith that we share, and there find again the real truth that our history is centered in His Story, the clear and pure story of God's love for all in Christ.



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Calls Accepted

- Rebecca Arnholt from Lamb of God, Las Vegas, Nev. to Bethany, Overland Park, Teacher
- Rev. Burt Garwood from King of Kings, Omaha, Neb. to Lord of Life, Leawood
- Jonathan Himmler, Candidate – Seward, to Hope, Shawnee, Teacher
- Laurene Hofman, from CNH District to Trinity, Paola, Principal/Teacher
- Jane Limback from Jacksonville, Ark. to Our Saviour, Kansas City, Coordinator of Parish Ministries
- Chuck Merriman from St. John, Ellinwood to Christ, Little Rock, Ark., DCE
- Barb Mertens from Messiah, Longmont, Colo. to Bethany, Wichita, Principal/Teacher
- Sarah Nixon, Candidate – Seward, to Trinity, Paola, Teacher
- Rev. Brian Tuma from Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove to St. John, Cordova, Neb.
- Lydia Wilcke, Candidate – Seward, to Christ, Overland Park, DCM

Calls Pending

- Ryan Legler from Faith, Owasso, Okla. to Ascension, Wichita, DCE

Calls Declined

- Rev. Dan Galchutt from St. Paul, Haven to Zion, Hastings, Neb.
- Leslie Leonard from Redeemer, Willmar, Minn. to Ascension, Wichita, DCE
- Andrew Mehlretter from Michigan District to Bethany, Wichita, Teacher

Calling Congregations/Schools

St. Luke, Bazine
Faith, Derby (Teacher)
Immanuel, Lawrence (Senior Pastor)
St. Paul, Lincoln
Christ, Manhattan
Trinity, Mission (Min. of Outreach, DCE)
Faith, Ottawa
Christ, Overland Park (Senior Pastor)
Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove
Calvary, Topeka
Faith, Topeka (Senior Pastor)
Ascension, Wichita (DCE)
Holy Cross, Wichita (Principal)

Ordinations/Installations

Jonathan Bonine at Zion, Downs - Aug. 3
Matt Schneider, Ordination at Peace, Natoma and Installation at St. John, Lincoln - Aug. 31
Tchr. Sarah Nixon at Trinity, Paola - Aug. 3
Prin. Barbara Mertens at Bethany, Wichita - Aug. 10
Tchr. Kelly Dressler at Zion, Linn - Aug. 10
Tchr. Jonathan Himmler at Hope, Shawnee - Aug. 10
Tchr. Rebecca Arnholt at Bethany, Overland Park - Aug. 10 and Stillwell Mission - Aug. 17.

District Calendar

August

- 1-2 Board of Directors, District Office
- 2 Early Childhood Workshop, Topeka
- 14 Children's Ministry Committee, District Office
- 14-15 Pre-Retirement Seminar, Wichita
- 16 Sunday School Workshop, Clay Center
- 22-24 Teen Leadership Retreat, Rock Springs
- 28 Educators' Conference Committee, District Office

September

- 1 District Office closed, Labor Day
- 22-23 Timothy Gathering, District Office
- 27 Youth Ministry Academy, Module 1, Wichita
- 29 Education Loan Repayment Committee, District Office

Prayers

- Marie Holt, District Office, and family at the death of her father, Rafe Wenger
- Rev. Bob Nestler and family at the death of his wife, Betty
- Rev. Lyle Stuehrenberg, Trinity, Garden City, and family at the death of his father-in-law, Ernie Weick
- Rev. Gene Holtorf, St. John, Palmer, health concerns
- Rev. Glenn Bitter, retired, health concerns
- Terry Wiechman, Trinity, Wichita, health concerns
- Barb McComas, District Office staff, health concerns

Area Chaplains

♦ *Wichita & Topeka* - Contact Rev. Rocky Mease. Home: 316-788-9627. Cell: 316-993-0746. Email: chaprm@aol.com.

Wichita Hospital Referral

♦ *Kansas City* - Our Saviour Lutheran Church has an apartment available for families who have patients in Kansas City area hospitals (sleeps 4). Families must live outside a 35 mile radius of Kansas City. Contact Donna Bottemuller at 913-236-6228 for more information.

Kansas City Hospital Referral

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Fall Preparations by Rev. Mark T. Frith

“And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, ‘Sovereign Lord, Who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them...’ Acts 4:24

It is that time of summer when congregations and workers are preparing for the start of fall activities and programs. Two areas of which I am prepared to be of some help to you are in Evangelism/Outreach and Stewardship Planning/Resources. Oftentimes pastors ask me to meet with Evangelism Boards and Stewardship Boards. Through those meetings we can work together to build a mission and vision for these areas of

ministry. Just give me a call.

An important event is coming up on Saturday, November 8. It is the “Conversations of Grace” Conference on Evangelism or Outreach. This is an opportunity for your Evangelism Committee or Board to become invigorated and/or retooled for reaching out into your ministry community. Take a look at the paragraph on this page with that title.

Yours in Christ!

Campus Ministry

Many high school graduates will soon be heading to colleges and universities. Pastors and DCEs, please take the next couple of weeks to talk with your parents and college students about Campus Ministries. Encourage students to be active in a college ministry and mission. Check the Campus Ministry page on the District website for more information - http://www.kslcms.org/ks_departments/mission_stewardship/campus_ministry.htm.

Education Loan Repayment Grants

Applications are now being accepted for District Education Loan Repayment Grants. This program began in 1998 and helps professional church workers with assistance in repayment of their educational loans. These grants are available to all rostered synodical graduates working in the Kansas District with graduation dates of 1999 to present.

Applications were mailed to all Kansas professional workers eligible for the program. If you did not receive an application, please contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or lori@kslcms.org. The deadline for submitting applications is Sept. 12.

Fan Into Flame

Need more information about **Fan Into Flame** in Kansas? Visit our District's [Fan Into Flame web page](#) to find:

- ◆ Kansas Ablaze Mission Plan
- ◆ FIF Bi-weekly Newsletter
- ◆ President Kohlmeier's Monthly Letter
- ◆ Easy Steps to Make an Appeal
- ◆ Congregation Materials
- ◆ List of Circuit Coordinators
- ◆ and much more!

Mission Grant Applications

Applications for mission grants are now being accepted from congregations needing financial assistance to expand ministry. The documents must be completed and returned to the District office by Sept. 15 to be considered by the Board of Mission for the fiscal year 2009.

The District asks each congregation requesting a mission grant to provide: mission statement for the ministry, three to five goals and action steps for the coming year, commitment from congregation members, budget, long-term plans, and grant amount requested.

To request a grant application, please contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or lori@kslcms.org.

Scholarship Grants

The District Scholarship Committee received applications from 42 students attending LCMS universities and seminaries. Grants from the District were awarded for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

- ◆ Underclassmen (14 students) - \$555
- ◆ Upperclassmen (18) - \$655
- ◆ Seminary, full-time (8) - \$1,920
- ◆ Vicar (1) - \$750
- ◆ Deaconess (1) - \$700

The total amount awarded was \$41,502, including additional generous gifts designated for students from congregations within specific circuits.

Tuition at LCMS colleges and seminaries rises each year. For example, tuition is \$20,580 at Concordia University in Seward and \$28,800 at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. These figures do not include any additional expenses such as room and board or books and supplies.

District scholarship funds are made available through interest from scholarship endowments, designated gifts and bequests and part of the Ash Wednesday offerings received from congregations.

Conversations of Grace

Congregations and schools have been invited to participate in a special web broadcast Evangelism Conference on Nov. 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to build or rebuild strategic plans for reaching the lost for Christ. In a day when 1-2 Kansans are unchurched, we need to be invigorated in reaching out to those who do not know Christ or appear to be uncommitted.

The theme of the conference is *Preparing for Harvest*, based on 1 Corinthians 3:6-9.

LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick is the keynote speaker and LCMS Director of Outreach, Rev. Scott Snow, is serving as both emcee and discussion panel member.

The cost will be no more than \$15/person, which includes lunch, snacks and materials. Watch for more information coming soon!

Strategic Ministry Planning

LCEF's Strategic Ministry Planning (SMP) is a faith-based, biblical process that helps your organization go to God with "empty hands," asking Him to help you set aside personal agendas and to reveal His plans for your ministry.

Strategic Ministry Planning is a facilitator-led planning process that helps your organization:

- ◆ Lay the foundation for making good organizational decisions based on God's unique calling for your church, school or agency; and
- ◆ Mobilize your members for mission.

The process is unique, much different from other business-oriented planning processes. It is a process that both invites the Holy Spirit to speak and prepares participants to listen.

Essential to the Strategic Ministry Planning process is the concept of "empty hands":

- ◆ Participants seek God's help in setting aside personal agendas for your ministries so that, through prayer and Bible study, they can invite the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts with His calling and plan.
- ◆ Goals flow directly from this foundation, which in turn effectively

focuses decisions regarding land, facilities, programs, staffing and money.

As a result of SMP, your organization can experience a unity of purpose like never before:

- ◆ See members become more active, using their energy to directly accomplish the mission of the congregation.
- ◆ See your pastors and other leaders leading more efficiently without stress or burnout.
- ◆ See the work of your boards and committees become shorter and more productive.
- ◆ Most importantly, see members and leaders look beyond themselves and make an impact for eternity within your community.

For more information, contact LCEF at 1-800-843-5233.

Joyful Reponse

Joyful Response® is a free, electronic stewardship opportunity offered to LCMS ministries, schools and congregations, allowing an easy and convenient method to electronically deposit offerings, tuition payments and donations.

Joyful Response® Benefits:

- ◆ The service is free!

LCEF Interest Rates

August 2008



Steward Account Rates:

Congregational Certificates

Demand	1.875%
Steward Account	2.875%

Individual Accounts

Less than \$1,000	1.250%
\$1,000 - less than \$5,000	1.375%
\$5,000 - less than \$10,000	1.750%
\$10,000 and over	2.875%

LCEF provides loans for LCMS

Congregations, Schools and Professional Church Workers:

Monthly, quarterly or annual adjustable	5.500%
5 Year fixed	6.000%

Congregation Endowment

(60-Month Fixed or Floating):

Min. Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	3.905%	3.963%
\$10,000	4.030%	4.091%
\$100,000	4.155%	4.220%

- ◆ Setup of member accounts is easy with online access and maintenance through Vanco Services, LLC.
- ◆ Easy online transactions are available with LCEF StewardAccount MyAccount (authorization required). Less time and money are spent handling personal checks or cash.

Planned Giving

Garry Niehoff, Counselor



Retreat Center - Laborers for Christ Commissioned

Things are really beginning to take shape at the Retreat Center in Herington.

The basement has been poured and the walls are beginning to go up. Dead trees are beginning to be removed and many trees have been side-trimmed.

On June 28, the Kansas District LCMS commissioned six Laborers for Christ couples for service in the construction of the professional church workers retreat center located at the city lake in Herington.

Rev. Alan Stahlecker, Circuit 9

Counselor, led the service of commissioning and Rev. Keith Kohlmeier, Kansas District President, added the welcome. Garry Niehoff, committee chairperson, and Rev. Keith Kohlmeier were presented with the banner from St. Louis.

The six couples on site are: Mike and Thelma McGee, Project Managers; Fred and Judie Rick, Assistant Managers; Michael and Marsha Steckelberg; C.J. and Sharon Cross; Ron and Gloria Bloecher; and Gary and Violet Lipker.

After the service, a potluck was held to welcome the Laborers to our

District. We feel so blessed to have these dedicated Christians serving with us on this building project. We thank God they have chosen Kansas as their home for the next few months and pray that they remain safe during their stay with us.

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." Romans 12:4-6

Pre-Retirement Seminar

Concordia Plan Services and the Kansas District will be hosting a two day Pre-Retirement seminar designed for all professional workers and their spouses, August 14-15, at Risen Savior in Wichita. Sessions will include budgeting and finance, retirement income, envisioning your retirement lifestyle, health and wellness, where to live and what to do with your time in retirement.

Concordia Plan Services representative Paul Snyder will lead this workshop and will also schedule ½ hour individual sessions with you and your spouse to discuss any additional retirement questions you might have.

Cost to attend is \$135 per couple, which includes one night's lodging and your meals. To register, contact Debbie Crites at 785-357-4441 ext. 204 or debbie@kslcms.org.

Find business resources for your congregation on our Business Office [web page!](#)

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

The Lutheran Witness 2008-2009 subscription renewal packets were sent out July 3. All changes to subscriptions are due back to the District office by August 25, 2008. Changes can be made at anytime, however Lutheran Witness billings will go out in November using the current subscription number. Please make sure that your congregation is up to date with correct subscription amounts as soon as possible.

The Lutheran Witness is the official

publication of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The Lutheran Witness reflects an ongoing commitment to provide you with stories about your fellow Christians, current events, your church, Synod and what the Bible has to say about the issues and decisions you face daily - all in a format you will enjoy. We wish to express our appreciation for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tami Lierz at 785-357-4441 ext. 200.

Remittance Vouchers

Every check from your congregation that is payable to the Kansas District LCMS should be accompanied by a completed remittance voucher to ensure the money is credited properly. Remittance vouchers are available on our website under the Publications tab or call Tami Lierz at 800-357-4421 ext. 200. Please carefully check your congregation's statement sent after the 15th of each month.

Statistical Reports

Your congregation's 2009 District Convention assessment will be based on the communicant membership from the 2007 statistical reports. Please remember to make a copy of the completed form and mail it to the District Office. If you have misplaced your form, contact Janice Kruep, LCMS Rosters and Statistics, 314-996-1370 or Janice.Kruep@lcms.org. Thank you for your help!

Human Care Ministry

Rev. Rocky Mease, Chaplain

New Priorities for Human Care Ministries by Rev. Rocky Mease

At the April Kansas District Board of Director's meeting, the job description of the Executive Chaplain was rewritten. The last three years has seen a shift in attention from Hospital Ministry to Disaster Response and Recovery. The Board of Directors wished to set some new priorities for our ministry together.

The new job description reads (in part) as follows: The purpose of the Executive Chaplain's service is to share the love of Jesus Christ in Word and deed. This service shall focus upon the following areas of ministry:

- ◆ Provide pastoral care to Kansas District LCMS professional church workers and their families.
- ◆ Make provisions for pastoral care to persons in Kansas institutions (hospitals, correctional institutions, nursing homes, facilities for the aged, etc.).

- ◆ Develop programs that provide human care ministries for members of the Kansas District LCMS.

What does this mean? It means that the number one priority for human care ministry in the Kansas District is our professional church workers. Professional workers cannot lead others in sharing the love of Jesus in Word and deed when they are in need of Word and deed themselves.

Chaplain Rocky Mease began making visits to professional church workers in June – not merely to respond to crisis, but to provide routine pastoral visitation. Chaplain Mease will also be working to create retreat opportunities when the new District Retreat Center is completed.

Pastoral care to Lutherans in Kansas institutions will increasingly be done by lay volunteers. Chaplain

Mease will seek out, train and supervise these lay volunteers. Referrals can continue to be made to Chaplain Mease, who will make visits when he is able or make referral to local pastors when he is not available. For emergency pastoral care, you can also consult the District [web page](#) for local pastors in Kansas City and Wichita who have agreed to visit assigned hospitals.

Workshops and grants will continue to be offered to local congregations to assist them in providing human care ministries to their communities.

Lutheran Disaster Response has made a grant to Lutheran Family Service of Nebraska to provide a part-time Disaster Coordinator for the state of Kansas. Other means of providing acts of mercy are being pursued at this time.

Youth Ministry Academy Training

The Kansas District Youth Ministry Academy is a process for further equipping adults for ministry with young people. The Academy is intended to take youth ministry training and development to a new level by providing an ongoing process to develop and equip congregations in this ministry. The Academy is unique in providing training for individuals and congregational teams. Instruction will take place over three one-day modules on either a Saturday or Sunday. Each cycle will consist of learning events in the fall, winter and spring.

The first module will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita. The

topic for Module One is *Building Youth Ministry* and will feature the following:

- Understanding the development of youth.
- Teaching adults acceptance, love and respect for youth.
- Creating a safe place for youth.
- Discussing what works and what doesn't and how to do everything legally and safely.

Each module will cost \$25 per person, which includes instruction costs and lunch. To register, contact Educational Services at 800-357-4421 ext. 206. More information is available at www.kslcms.org. Registrations are due three weeks ahead of each event through the District Office.

Small Group Leader Training

When: Saturday, Aug. 16
9:00AM to 3:00PM

Where: Bethany, Overland Park
Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

Presenters: Pastor Bryan Drebes &
Pastor Mark Schulz

Register: Call Pastor Drebes at
913-648-2228 ext. 119

District Family Ministry Training

The Kansas District *Faith and the Home* workshops are a series of four one-day training events to equip individuals and teams from congregations for family ministry. The District has in the past coordinated a training academy with guest speakers for congregational training teams wanting to grow in the area of family ministry. *Faith and the Home* is intended to make training and development more user friendly by providing a series of individual workshops that can be completed on a selected basis or in its entirety (four workshops) to develop and equip congregations for family ministry.

Instruction will take place in a one-day format (either Saturday or Sunday) in four learning events scheduled in the fall and spring over a two-year period. Each workshop will be located in both western and eastern Kansas locations and tailored to small town/rural and city/suburban settings.

The first workshop will focus on the biblical foundation for family ministry with the practical application of faith milestones. This workshop will be offered in two locations:

- Saturday, Oct. 4 at Beautiful Savior, Olathe
- Saturday, Oct. 25 at First, Phillipsburg.

Individual workshop registration has been set at \$25 per person per event. This includes all instruction costs and a lunch. Some books might be available for an additional cost at the workshop. Any lodging and travel necessary will be in addition to this cost. Contact Educational Services at 800-357-4421 ext. 206 or go to www.kslcms.org/ks_flm for registration information. The \$25 fee is due when the individual registers for each workshop through the District Office. Individuals may pay the entire \$100 for the series of four workshops in advance.

Educators' Conference

Oct. 12-14 in Salina

"Drink from the Living Water"

Speaker: Pastor Bill Yonker

Registration is now open!

Early Bird: to August 15 – \$115

Regular: Aug. 16 to Sept. 15 – \$120

Late: Sept. 16 and beyond – \$125

Sunday School Volunteer Training

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Paul, Clay Center. DCE Tom Nummela from Concordia Publishing House is leading a Sunday School Training Workshop on the topic of Teacher-Student Interaction.

- ◆ Part 1 focuses on increasing student interaction by decreasing the teacher-talk to student-talk ratio.
- ◆ Part 2 focuses on the three levels of questions and writing examples of each based on Bible texts.
- ◆ Part 3 focuses on question cues and tips for making the most of classroom discussion.

The cost is \$10 per attendee. For more information, contact DCE Jeremy Pera at j.pera@sbcglobal.net or 785-632-5301.

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Youth Events

◆ Junior High Youth Retreat

Nov. 7-8 at Rexford. Contact DCE Leland Jackson, Trinity, Garden City at dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com.

◆ Kansas District Youth Gathering

Nov. 21-23 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

Theme: "Living Stones"

Speaker: Pastor Greg Manning

Guest Musician: Peder Eide;

Contact: KDYG Chair DCE Henry

Blickhahn, Our Redeemer, Hutchinson at dce@orlhutch.org.

Visit the Kansas District
website at
www.kslcms.org

Teen Leadership Retreat (TLR)

When: Aug. 22-24

Theme: Teen Bridge Building Training (TBBT)

You Should Attend If: You are a youth who is a leader in your youth group and/or in your congregation; you are an adult who works with youth; you are interested in learning how teens can help build new and strong community in a congregational setting; you are interested in meeting other youth and adults who have a love for youth ministry.

Location: Rock Springs 4-H Camp, 1168 Hwy K157, Junction City, 66441, 785-257-3221.

Cost: \$75 (includes meals/lodging). Registration forms are required!

Check In: Begins at 6:00 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22

What to Bring: Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, towel, wash cloth, toiletries, closed toe shoes, flashlight, board games, cards.

For more information: Contact Vicki Lessman at 316-684-1367 or the District Office at 800-357-4421 ext. 206.

Lutheran Youth Fellowship Representatives

Calling all sophomores in high school - it is now time to prayerfully consider your service to the Kansas District as one of six Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) representatives.

LYF is committed to empowering youth and adults to use their gifts and energies in service to God and His people as they celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ.

All LYF representatives are asked to attend two District Youth Committee meetings, and two of the six will receive a paid trip to the annual Council of LYF Representatives (CLYFR) in March, 2009, in St. Louis.

Deadline to receive applications at the District Office is Sept. 1. The new LYF representatives will be introduced at the District Youth Gathering in

Topeka the weekend of Nov. 21-23.

Applicants must be a sophomore (2008-09) with leadership qualities. Applications must include: name; date of application; home address/city/zip;

home phone; age; 2008-09 grade in school; home congregation; hobbies, favorite classes, family, likes/dislikes, favorite activities, current and past participation in your

youth group, etc.; two letters of recommendation (from your pastor and youth counselor). Applicants must also tell us why they would like to be an LYF District Representative for Kansas.

Return applications to: District Youth Ministry Committee, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1104.



CCCS Sunday

Children's Christian Concern Society (CCCS) is celebrating 40 years of ministry to children throughout the world.

CCCS is asking congregations to designate the third Sunday in September as Children's Christian Concern Society Sunday (or any Sunday suitable to your congregation). For more information and free resources, contact CCCS at cccs@kslcms.org or 785-357-7688. You can also visit their website - www.cccskids.org.



Spanish Bible and Catechism

The Holy Bible and Luther's Small Catechism, translated into Spanish and published in a single volume, is now available from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), a recognized service organization of the LCMS. Pastors, missionaries and lay people may order a copy (or multiple copies, if there is a need in your congregation or area) by calling 800-554-0723 or by visiting the LHF website at www.LHFmissions.org.

LHF, a mission organization dedicated to translating and publishing Lutheran literature around the world, distributes most of its publications free of charge to the churches and individuals who need them.

Pastors' Conference

The Fall Pastors' Conference will explore the theology of service while nurturing the bond we share as pastors of the Kansas District.

Under the theme "Together in Service," we will hear three plenary presentations by Dr. Arthur A. Just and join in three opportunities for "table talk." The title of Dr. Just's presentation is "The Liturgy of Life - Biblical and Theological Perspectives on Service." The goal of the round table discussions will be to interact with the plenary presentations, get better acquainted with fellow pastors and discuss ministry issues with those who are in similar situations.

The conference in Great Bend will begin Sunday evening, Oct. 19 with a time of Gemütlichkeit and conclude by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 21. The host congregation (and location) for the Divine Service will be Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington.

Online registration is now available at www.kslcms.org/pcwc.

Handbell Workshop

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe is hosting a handbell workshop for church musicians on Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 8:45 a.m. The workshop will be directed by Dr. John A. Behnke, Professor of Music at Concordia University-Mequon, and will be for beginning and intermediate handbell choirs. Dr. Behnke is encouraging area congregation handbell choirs to come "en mass" and he will work with one large group on the ringing of the bells.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$20 per person and includes a catered lunch. For a registration form with the schedule, list of requested music and additional information, go to www.bsllcks.org or leave a message for Deb Miller at 913-780-6023.

An organ Hymn Fest & Recital, featuring Dr. Behnke, will be presented Oct. 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Beautiful Savior (13145 S. Blackbob Rd., Olathe). It is open to the public and free of charge. Please join us!



Guinea Prayers

Norton Family

- ✠ That the man who caused all the troubles in Upper Guinea would repent and turn to God.
- ✠ Thanksgiving that God kept our fellowship together and strengthened the believers through this trial.
- ✠ Prayers for the people in village "MG" - that they would respond in boldness to what they already believe.
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the new believers who have a better understanding and renewed commitment to evangelism.
- ✠ For our family's continued health.

Andrea Herman

Ask God for:

- ✠ Wisdom and boldness in sharing the love of Jesus with friends here.
- ✠ All Maninka believers - that God would strengthen them for the challenges of following Jesus in a culture that considers such a thing betrayal.
- ✠ God's mercy on the people of Guinea - that problems can be peacefully resolved and that He would provide for them, despite an increase in food prices and incidents of unrest (mostly in Conakry, the capital).

Thank God for:

- ✠ The amazing things He is doing in the lives of friends in Guinea.
- ✠ A fantastic and mostly restful month of vacation.
- ✠ God's ever-present protection while driving all over Kansas.
- ✠ The opportunity to visit churches in Kansas and for the overwhelming support I received from them.

Heiney Family

- ✠ for Pastor Julien and the leadership of the Guinea church, for unity and focus on Jesus.
- ✠ for our four vicars as they train to be leaders in Guinea; for pure motives in all they do and for a heart for God's people.
- ✠ for James Mara, our leader to the Kuranko Muslims. He was in an accident this week. He is fine but pretty beat up. Pray for healing and that this does not discourage him in his work.
- ✠ for Katie Heiney, still having trouble with the foot she broke 2 years ago. Pray God will lead us to a solution for healing.



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